

THE GOA NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS ACCREDITATION GUIDELINES, 2014.

The Goa Non-Governmental organizations accreditation guidelines, 2014 for grant of Accreditation to Non-Governmental Organizations working within the State in the field of Women and Child Welfare.

The purpose of accreditation of NGOs is to facilitate NGOs access to work with the Government run institutions and also to collaborate and work voluntarily with various other State Government Departments, Corporations, local bodies, etc who require or seek NGOs assistance in implementation of any welfare schemes, projects or statutory day to day functions.

The terms for Accreditation of NGOs under the guidelines is as under:-

i) Accreditation will be given in accordance with the guidelines to NGOs working primarily in the field of Women and Child Welfare within the State of Goa. The Accreditations will be granted to NGOs as per eligibility conditions laid down in the guidelines.

ii) Accreditation shall be granted only to those NGOs who have their permanent office set up within the State of Goa.

iii) Accreditation shall not confer any official or special status on any NGOs or its representatives, but it shall only recognize their identity as an accredited NGO.

iv) Accreditation of NGOs who have been continuously working in the field of Women and Child Welfare for a minimum period of five years prior to the filing of the application will only be considered. The applications need to be supported with documentary proof of work for five years.

v) The NGO seeking accreditation should be a registered legal entity within India as a Society, a Trust or a Non Profit Company under Section 25 of The Companies Act other than an individual proprietorship organization .

vi) Organizations promoted by a single business house to conduct CSR activities etc. shall not be eligible for accreditation.

vii) The organizations owned and/or run/managed by individuals having adverse antecedents shall not be eligible. In case any of the Managing Committee member of the NGO who has been granted accreditation is found involved in any unlawful activities and is charged/convicted by any court of law for an offence involving punishment upon conviction exceeding three years or more jail term and in such case, if such charged/convicted person still continues to be the member of the Managing Committee then the accreditation given to such NGO is liable to be suspended or withdrawn till such person is the member of the Managing Committee of the accredited NGO.

viii) Accreditation shall be subjected to any conditions that may be laid down by the GNGOAC while granting the accreditation which may be incorporated in the Certificate of accreditation and the accreditation may be withdrawn as soon as the conditions on which it was given cease to exist. Accreditation is also liable to be withdrawn / suspended if it is found to have been misused by the NGO/ Social Worker.

ix) If an applicant is found to have supplied false/fraudulent/forged information/documents to obtain the accreditation for the NGO. The same shall be withdrawn and applicant NGO shall be debarred from accreditation upto a maximum of five years but not less than two years, as decided by Goa Non-Governmental Organization Accreditation Committee (GNGOAC).

x) The GNGOAC may for any reasons not covered by these guidelines also reject, withdraw or cancel the accreditation of an NGO if according to GNGOAC it is necessary to do so in the public interest.

xi) The State Government may also for sufficient reasons of public interest direct the Director, Women & Child Development to withdraw the accreditation granted to any NGO and such directions shall be binding on the Director and GNGOAC. Who shall after giving an opportunity of hearing and

for reasons to be recorded in writing withdraw any accreditation given to an NGO.

xii) The GNGOAC reserves to itself the right to recommend or reject grant of an Accreditation without assigning any reasons.

The procedure for Accreditation of NGOs under the guidelines is as under:-

i) The application for accreditation shall be filed with the Director of Women and Child Development in prescribed form annexed to the guidelines along with the supporting documents.

ii) The Director, Women and Child Development can call for any information and documents considered necessary for the purpose of ensuring credibility and genuineness of cases of accreditation, at the time of accreditation or at its renewal or at any other time if so required. And non-compliance of this requirement by applicant NGO/ Social worker can be a ground for rejection or withdrawal of the accreditation.

iii) The applications received for accreditation shall be scrutinized by the Director of Women and Child Development who may also conduct local inquiry or call for intelligence report, required if any through any government machinery so as to place before GNGOAC a detailed report about each case for its decision.

iv) The applications approved by GNGOAC shall be issued Certificate of accreditation in prescribed format annexed to the guidelines by the Director, Women and Child Development. The accreditation granted shall be valid for a period of three years and subject to further renewal by GNGOAC.

v) In case of any clarifications in interpreting provisions of these guidelines and on issues not covered by these guidelines but requiring decision the matter be placed by the Director(WCD) before the GNGOAC and the decision of the Committee in the matter shall be final and binding.

The constitution and functions of the Committee for Accreditation of NGOs as per the guidelines is as under:-

I. The Government of Goa shall constitute a Committee called the Goa Non-Governmental Organizations Accreditation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the GNGOAC) to discharge the functions laid down under the guidelines.

II. The GNGOAC shall consist of Secretary (WCD) as its Chairperson, Representative of Goa State Commission for Women and Goa State Commission for Protection of Children's Rights shall be its members and additional 3 other members representing eminent persons in the field of Social work as may be appointed by the government. Director, Department of Women and Child Development shall be its Ex officio Member Secretary.

III. The GNGOAC once constituted shall have its tenure for a period of two years from the date of its first meeting.

IV. The GNGOAC shall meet generally once in a quarter or more frequently, as considered necessary by its Chairperson.

V. The decisions of the GNGOAC shall be taken on the basis of majority of the members present and voting.